

# **NC ABC OVERVIEW**

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# ABC Commission Authority - Statutes

## **§ 18B-203. Powers and duties of the Commission.**

**(a) Powers. - The Commission shall have authority to:**

- (1) Administer the ABC laws;
- (2) Provide for enforcement of the ABC laws, in conjunction with the ALE Section;
- (12) Issue ABC permits, and impose sanctions against permittees;

# Scope of the issue

- Roughly **60,000** outstanding ABC permits and 70 different kinds of permits
- Sales of alcohol to retail businesses and consumers in NC exceeds **\$5 billion** annually
- General Fund revenues from sales of alcohol = approximately **a half a billion dollars** annually
- State spends just **\$7 million** for alcohol law enforcement and local ABC boards spend **\$7.2 million** a year

# Getting behind the NC numbers

Annual alcohol sales in North Carolina	Taxes from liquor, beer & wine sales to General Fund	Annual ABC permit fees for General Fund
\$668 million – retail liquor sales to consumers at ABC stores	(Excise, sales & other taxes from wholesale & retail alcohol sales)	
\$160 million – liquor sales to 5,800 restaurants & bars		
\$640 million – sales of liquor by the drink to consumers		
\$828 million – beer sales from wholesalers to 18,000 retail businesses		
\$1.65 billion – beer sales to consumers		
\$449 million – wine sales from wholesalers to retailers		
\$898 million – wine sales to consumers		
<b>\$5.293 billion Total</b>	<b>\$528 million</b>	<b>\$15 million</b>

# Importance of ABC Permit Enforcement

- Underage drinking
  - average of one driving fatality per week & a \$1.5 billion annual price tag in NC
- Violence at clubs
  - fights, injuries and deaths. Commission denies permits or suspends/cancels sales of alcohol an average of once per month for violence at clubs
- Sworn officers have 18,000 retail outlets to monitor in 99 counties